CERTIFIED PLAYGROUND SAFETY INSPECTOR (CPSI) PRACTICE EXAM (SAMPLE)

STUDY GUIDE



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Introduction

Preparing for a certification exam can feel overwhelming, but with the right tools, it becomes an opportunity to build confidence, sharpen your skills, and move one step closer to your goals. At Examzify, we believe that effective exam preparation isn't just about memorization, it's about understanding the material, identifying knowledge gaps, and building the test-taking strategies that lead to success.

This guide was designed to help you do exactly that.

Whether you're preparing for a licensing exam, professional certification, or entry-level qualification, this book offers structured practice to reinforce key concepts. You'll find a wide range of multiple-choice questions, each followed by clear explanations to help you understand not just the right answer, but why it's correct.

The content in this guide is based on real-world exam objectives and aligned with the types of questions and topics commonly found on official tests. It's ideal for learners who want to:

- Practice answering questions under realistic conditions,
- Improve accuracy and speed,
- Review explanations to strengthen weak areas, and
- Approach the exam with greater confidence.

We recommend using this book not as a stand-alone study tool, but alongside other resources like flashcards, textbooks, or hands-on training. For best results, we recommend working through each question, reflecting on the explanation provided, and revisiting the topics that challenge you most.

Remember: successful test preparation isn't about getting every question right the first time, it's about learning from your mistakes and improving over time. Stay focused, trust the process, and know that every page you turn brings you closer to success.

Let's begin.

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How to Use This Guide

This guide is designed to help you study more effectively and approach your exam with confidence. Whether you're reviewing for the first time or doing a final refresh, here's how to get the most out of your Examzify study guide:

1. Start with a Diagnostic Review

Skim through the questions to get a sense of what you know and what you need to focus on. Your goal is to identify knowledge gaps early.

2. Study in Short, Focused Sessions

Break your study time into manageable blocks (e.g. 30 – 45 minutes). Review a handful of questions, reflect on the explanations.

3. Learn from the Explanations

After answering a question, always read the explanation, even if you got it right. It reinforces key points, corrects misunderstandings, and teaches subtle distinctions between similar answers.

4. Track Your Progress

Use bookmarks or notes (if reading digitally) to mark difficult questions. Revisit these regularly and track improvements over time.

5. Simulate the Real Exam

Once you're comfortable, try taking a full set of questions without pausing. Set a timer and simulate test-day conditions to build confidence and time management skills.

6. Repeat and Review

Don't just study once, repetition builds retention. Re-attempt questions after a few days and revisit explanations to reinforce learning. Pair this guide with other Examzify tools like flashcards, and digital practice tests to strengthen your preparation across formats.

There's no single right way to study, but consistent, thoughtful effort always wins. Use this guide flexibly, adapt the tips above to fit your pace and learning style. You've got this!

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Questions

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1. **What is the distance from the chain to structure on swings when measured at 60 inches above surfacing?**

   A. 30 inches

   B. 24 inches

   C. 32 inches

   D. 28 inches

2. **What is the gap at the bottom for a school-age guardrail over 30 inches and less than or equal to 48 inches?**

   A. Less than 9 inches

   B. Greater than 9 inches and less than or equal to 28 inches

   C. Less than 3.5 inches

   D. Greater than or equal to 23 inches

3. **What is the maximum protrusion limit for any parts on the front, back, or underside of a swing?**

   A. 1/8 inch

   B. 1/4 inch

   C. 1/2 inch

   D. 3/4 inch

4. **What is the maximum difference in height between stepped platforms for pre-school age without an alternate means of egress?**

   A. 12 inches

   B. 18 inches

   C. 20 inches

   D. 6 feet

5. **What is the minimum clearance between the seating surface and the support structure uprights for a Multi-Axis Swing when the tire is closest to the supports?**

   A. 30 inches

   B. 12 inches

   C. 24 inches

   D. 18 inches

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6. What is the maximum attainable angle between a line connecting the seats of a seesaw and the horizontal?

A. 25 degrees

B. 20 degrees

C. 30 degrees

D. 15 degrees

7. What is the minimum height of the upper rail for guardrails on elevated structures for ages 5-12?

A. 38"

B. 29"

C. 48"

D. 23"

8. What is the maximum horizontal run between landings for ramps intended to provide wheelchair access on a play structure?

A. < 120 in.

B. < 130 in.

C. < 144 in.

D. < 150 in.

9. What is the maximum diameter of a sliding pole?

A. 7 inches

B. 1.9 inches

C. 18 inches

D. 60 inches

10. The center-to-center spacing of horizontal ladder rungs for school-age children should be?

A. 10 inches max

B. 12 inches max

C. 15 inches max

D. 18 inches max

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Answers

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1. A
2. B
3. A
4. A
5. A
6. A
7. A
8. C
9. B
10. C

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Explanations

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1. What is the distance from the chain to structure on swings when measured at 60 inches above surfacing?

A. 30 inches

B. 24 inches

C. 32 inches

D. 28 inches

The distance from the chain to the structure on swings when measured at 60 inches above surfacing is 30 inches. This is because the standard height for swings is usually around 60 inches, and the recommended distance from the chain to the structure is typically half of that height. Therefore, options B, C, and D are incorrect as they are not half of 60 inches. It is also important to note that this measurement may vary depending on the type of swing and surfacing used, but generally, 30 inches is a safe distance.

2. What is the gap at the bottom for a school-age guardrail over 30 inches and less than or equal to 48 inches?

A. Less than 9 inches

B. Greater than 9 inches and less than or equal to 28 inches

C. Less than 3.5 inches

D. Greater than or equal to 23 inches

The gap at the bottom for a school-age guardrail must be greater than 9 inches and less than or equal to 28 inches. Option A is incorrect because it specifies the gap must be less than 9 inches, which is not enough space for safety. Option C is also incorrect because it specifies the gap must be less than 3.5 inches, which is too small for a school-age guardrail. Option D is incorrect because it specifies the gap must be greater than or equal to 23 inches, which is too large and could potentially be a hazard for children.

3. What is the maximum protrusion limit for any parts on the front, back, or underside of a swing?

A. 1/8 inch

B. 1/4 inch

C. 1/2 inch

D. 3/4 inch

Protrusion limit refers to the maximum amount that a part can extend beyond the normal dimensions of an object. In the context of a swing, this would mean the maximum distance any part can stick out from the front, back, or underside of the swing. Options B, C, and D suggest larger protrusion limits, which could potentially be dangerous and cause hazards for users of the swing. Option A, 1/8 inch, is the most conservative and safe option for a maximum protrusion limit. It allows for minimal risk and ensures the safety of those using the swing.

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4. What is the maximum difference in height between stepped platforms for pre-school age without an alternate means of egress?

A. 12 inches

B. 18 inches

C. 20 inches

D. 6 feet

The maximum difference in height between stepped platforms for pre-school age without an alternate means of egress is typically around 12 inches. This allows for young children to safely navigate between different levels without the risk of falling or tripping. The other options of 18 inches, 20 inches, and 6 feet are not ideal as they are either too high for young children to easily navigate or too high for them to reach without assistance. It is important to always consider the safety and capabilities of young children when designing and constructing playground equipment.

5. What is the minimum clearance between the seating surface and the support structure uprights for a Multi-Axis Swing when the tire is closest to the supports?

A. 30 inches

B. 12 inches

C. 24 inches

D. 18 inches

It is important to have a clear minimum clearance between the seating surface and the support structure uprights for a Multi-Axis Swing so that the user does not hit their head or get stuck when the tire is closest to the supports. This minimum clearance should be at least 30 inches to ensure the safety and comfort of the user. Options B, C, and D do not provide enough clearance and may result in safety hazards or discomfort for the user.

6. What is the maximum attainable angle between a line connecting the seats of a seesaw and the horizontal?

A. 25 degrees

B. 20 degrees

C. 30 degrees

D. 15 degrees

The maximum attainable angle between a line connecting the seats of a seesaw and the horizontal is 25 degrees. This is because as the angle between the line and the horizontal increases, the weight of the heavier seat will eventually cause the lighter seat to lift off the ground, resulting in an unbalanced seesaw. Therefore, options B, C, and D are incorrect as they all have angles lower than 25 degrees.

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7. What is the minimum height of the upper rail for guardrails on elevated structures for ages 5-12?

A. 38"

B. 29"

C. 48"

D. 23"

Guardrails are safety barriers that are typically placed on elevated structures to prevent falls or accidents. The minimum height for the upper rail of guardrails for ages 5-12 is 38 inches, according to industry standards and safety regulations. Option B, 29 inches, may not be tall enough to prevent a child from falling over the rail. Option C, 48 inches, may be too high for younger children to reach, making it difficult for them to use the structure safely. Option D, 23 inches, is also too low and does not provide adequate protection for children. Therefore, option A, with a minimum height of 38 inches, is the best choice for ensuring the safety of children on elevated structures.

8. What is the maximum horizontal run between landings for ramps intended to provide wheelchair access on a play structure?

A. < 120 in.

B. < 130 in.

C. < 144 in.

D. < 150 in.

A ramp is a sloped structure used to provide wheelchair access on a play structure. According to ADA guidelines, the maximum horizontal run between landings for such ramps should be less than or equal to 144 inches (12 feet). This is to ensure that individuals using a wheelchair or other mobility device can safely navigate the ramp without encountering an excessively long section. Options A, B, and D are incorrect because they either exceed or equal the maximum allowed horizontal run, which may make it difficult for individuals with mobility impairments to use the ramp safely.

9. What is the maximum diameter of a sliding pole?

A. 7 inches

B. 1.9 inches

C. 18 inches

D. 60 inches

A is incorrect because 7 inches is too large for a sliding pole. C and D are incorrect because 18 inches and 60 inches are both much larger than the standard diameter for a sliding pole. The maximum diameter for a sliding pole is typically around 2 inches, making B the correct answer.

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10. The center-to-center spacing of horizontal ladder rungs for school-age children should be?

A. 10 inches max

B. 12 inches max

C. 15 inches max

D. 18 inches max

It is important to keep in mind that the center-to-center spacing of ladder rungs should be appropriate for the age and size of the children using it. While options A and B may seem reasonable, they do not leave enough room for children to safely and comfortably grip the rungs. On the other hand, option D may be too far apart for school-age children, making it difficult for them to climb. Option C, with a maximum spacing of 15 inches, strikes a balance between providing enough space for children to grip the rungs and being close enough for them to climb comfortably.

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Next Steps

Congratulations on reaching the final section of this guide. You've taken a meaningful step toward passing your certification exam and advancing your career.

As you continue preparing, remember that consistent practice, review, and self-reflection are key to success. Make time to revisit difficult topics, simulate exam conditions, and track your progress along the way.

If you need help, have suggestions, or want to share feedback, we'd love to hear from you. Reach out to our team at hello@examzify.com.

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We wish you the very best on your exam journey. You've got this!

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